

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

TA-W-62,104
IMATION CORPORATION
(MAGNETIC DATA TAPE CARTRIDGES)
WEATHERFORD, OKLAHOMA

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and
Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance, the group eligibility requirements in either paragraph (a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B) of Section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. It is determined in this case that the requirements of (a)(2)(B) of Section 222 have been met.

The investigation was initiated on September 6, 2007, in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Imation Corporation, Weatherford, Oklahoma. The workers produce magnetic data tape cartridges for computers.

The investigation revealed that declines in employment at the subject facility are related to a shift in production of magnetic data tape cartridges to a country (Mexico) that is a party to a free trade agreement with the United States.

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 USC 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I conclude that there was a shift in production from the workers' firm or subdivision to Mexico of magnetic data tape cartridges that are like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"Workers of Imation Corporation, Weatherford, Oklahoma, engaged in employment related to the production of magnetic data tape cartridges, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 5, 2006 through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, D.C., this *21st* day of September, 2007.



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